

## 110 Trackmen Answer Call For Cinder Drill

### Wernermen Face Tough Schedule

With the first meet less than one month away, 110 candidates for the Penn State track team began outdoor practice on New Beaver field this week.

Many of the candidates are inexperienced sophomores and Coach Chick Werner and Assistant Coach Norman Gordon are faced with a huge task in their attempt to build a team to face the schedule ahead, one of the toughest in years.

As a nucleus around which to mold, however, the coaches have such veterans as Jim Gehrdes, Bob Harrison and Steve Segal in the hurdles department, Wil Lancaster and George Thomas in the sprints, and Horace Ashenfelter, John Bates, Bob Bour, Bob Auman, Mitch Williams, and Paul Koch in the middle distance and distance events.

### FIELD

In the field events the picture is less rosy. The coaches have but five veterans returning—Keith Shearer, shot put; Buck Moyer, discus and shot; Bill Reynolds, high jump and broad jump; Wil Lancaster, broad jump, and Larry Gerwig, javelin.

"Most of our boys are either seniors or sophomores," Assistant Coach Gordon said in discussing the team. "There are few juniors on the squad. The sophomores are largely inexperienced, many being at centers last year which had no track teams. The lack of freshmen on campus also makes it difficult to build a team."

The Lions will open their season April 23 at Annapolis in a triangular meet with Navy and Penn. The following weekend the team travels to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays and the week after to Hamilton, New York, for a dual meet with Colgate.

### AT HOME

At home the next two weeks, the Lions face two of the nation's top teams. May 14 Michigan State, intercollegiate champion, will furnish the opposition, and May 21 the Irish of Notre Dame, Central states champ, will invade the Nittany mountains to battle the Lions.

The I.C.A. meet in New York City the following weekend will complete the schedule.

Besides the veterans already mentioned, Coaches Werner and Gordon will have the following candidates from whom to choose their team: Howard Anderson, Donald Ashenfelter, William Ashenfelter, Fred Attinger, Steve Barges, Clyde Bastian, Charles Beatty, Wilson Bertrum, Steve Blumenthal, Harold Borek, Sas Borowy, Paul Bush, Rea Car-

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## Silberman Twice Spills Tkac For IF Handball Championship

Milt Silberman became the new independent handball champion by gaining a victory Tuesday night over Al Tkac by 21-15, 21-7 scores. Silberman had earlier beaten Herb Rossman to enter the finals, while Tkac defeated John Minarovich, 21-13, 21-3, in his semi-final match.

In fraternity preliminary flights, 13 men completed competition undefeated and will now play in a championship flight to determine the fraternity champion.

### SEMI-FINALS

In semi-final matches, Ray Ulinski, Kappa Delta Rho, won over Harry Nelson, Alpha Sigma Phi, 21-10, 21-3; Tom Smith, Delta Upsilon, beat Ernie Lieblein, Lambda Chi Alpha, 21-7, 21-11; Joe Tocci, Alpha Chi Rho, defeated Norm Restaine, Tau Kappa Phi, 21-11, 6-21, 21-12; John Woche, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, beat Marty Costa, Delta Sigma Phi, 21-11, 21-10; Hal Wausat, Sigma Pi, won over George Bearner, Alpha Tau Omega, 21-18, 21-14.

### SNYDER

Duane Snyder, Tau Kappa Epsilon, beat John Hayes, 21-14, 21-20; Vane Henry, Phi Gamma Delta, conquered Dave Jones, Alpha Chi Sigma, 21-8, 21-8; Fran Rogel, Kappa Delta Rho, defeated

Bill Wilhelm, Tau Kappa Epsilon, 21-14, 21-10; Bob Dieruff, Aca-cia, downed Hagop Terzagian, Alpha Chi Rho, 21-12, 21-13; Art Oberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, bested Dave Harman, Lambda Chi Alpha, 21-13, 21-14; Bill Brinker, Sigma Nu, beat Tony Orsini, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 21-6, 21-9; John Frasinelli and Al Fessler won in forfeits.

### FINALS

In order of flights, the final results follow: Smith downed Ulinski, 19-21, 21-5, 21-14; Tocci beat Fessler, 14-21, 21-12, 21-12; Woche took over Wausat, 21-7, 21-6; Snyder won over Bill Aiken, Phi Delta Theta, 21-15, 21-13; Bob Kolarik, Lambda Chi Alpha, won by forfeit; Jim Geherdes, Phi Delta Theta, was beaten by Marvin Goldenberg, Pi Lambda Phi, 21-5, 21-15.

George Freeman, Phi Kappa Tau, downed John Finley, Sigma Pi, 21-13, 21-12; Art Schneider, Zeta Beta Tau, trounced Larry DiGirolamo, Alpha Phi Delta, 21-0, 21-1; John McHugh, Phi Kappa Sigma, won from Ward, Tau Kappa Phi, 21-20, 21-14; Jerry Wolf, Alpha Epsilon Pi, beat Aubrey McIlvaine, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21-14, 21-20; Henry bested Rogel, 21-14, 21-10; Oberg won from Dieruff, 21-2, 21-6; Frasinelli defeated Brinker 21-9, 21-6.

## AA Lists Mat Letter Winners

George Schautz, vice-president of the Athletic Association, has listed 14 wrestling letter winners for the 1949 season.

Four seniors, including Grant Dixon, Bob Hetrick, Captain Schautz and Bob Witman, manager, were named to receive varsity mongograms.

Don Arbuckle, Homer Barr, Bill Corman, Jack Dreibelbis, Al Fasnacht, Bob Markie, Jim Maurey, John Reese, Bill Santel and Larry Shallcross are other recipients.

In addition, Dixon, Hetrick, Schautz, Witman and Cryder Mat-tern earned senior awards.

Fred Auch was selected manager for the 1950 season, while Louis Epstein will serve as his associate. Hubert Axfort, Robert Busch and Frank McKean were appointed as first assistants, with David Crum and Allen Goldenberg chosen as first alternates.

Voting members of the executive committee on wrestling, which designated the letter and award winners, are Harold "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, Coach Charlie Speidel, Schautz, who is both wrestling captain and vice-president of the AA, and Witman, retiring manager.

### Runner-up Back

Sigma Pi's Jay Jensen defeated George Kurtz, Lambda Chi Alpha, in the IM wrestling finals, 135-pound class, last season. Kurtz wrestled in the same class this year.

## Boxing Captain ...



DRAZENOVICH

## Drazenovich, McGrory Head 1950 Teams

Idol of Nittany football and boxing fans, two-time Eastern Intercollegiate heavyweight boxing champ Chuck Drazenovich was elected to captain the 1950 edition of the Penn State ring team at the annual boxing banquet at the State College Hotel last night.

At the same time the varsity swimmers cast their ballots for John McGrory. The Hazleton merman will captain next year's swim unit.

### RING DEBUT

Drazenovich, often called the "Brownsville Bombardeur" made his Nittany ring debut last year by winning six straight after dropping his inaugural bout. He was Penn State's lone winner at the Eastern Intercollegiate at Charlottesville.

This year, the 210-pound, six-foot one-inch ring giant found the ring wars a little more perplexing. He drew his first two dual-meets and then dropped three decisions before winning at Virginia.

He entered the EIBA's at Rec Hall as an underdog, but the hard-hitting Draz came back with flying colors by decisioning Army's Bill Kellum and Syracuse's Marty Crandell to cop the Eastern heavyweight crown for the second consecutive time.

During football season Drazenovich is number one blocking back on the Lion grid machine while this Spring he had planned to go out for the track team. Recently he cut his hand on a window pane and therefore will be out of the athletic picture for a few weeks.

### MCGRORY

A senior next year, John McGrory was elected by this year's swimming letter-winners to head the 1950 Gutteron crew.

"John is very dependable," commented Coach Gutteron, "I switched him into different events and he always came through, especially in the Pitt meet."

McGrory, originally a 220-yarder, was switched to perform in the 100-yard dash and the 440. He also swam with the relay team to give the mermen better all around strength.

### Wrestling Again

Fred Shihadeh, Phi Kappa Sigma 128-pound 1948 intramural wrestling champion, wrestled at 135-pounds this season. His runner-up last season was Ted Holly, Kappa Sigma.

## Between The Lions



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### The Wildcat

Mike Rubino, the wrestling wildcat of the intramural mat tournament just finished, would have been varsity material this past season had he not been a transfer student.

Varsity Coach Charlie Speidel rates Rubino, 175-pound IM champ, a crackerjack performer. Says Charlie:

"He's a little Rogel—he's rough and gives anybody a hard time on the mats. Although he's new at Penn State and has to put in a year before he's eligible, it looks like we missed something this season on the varsity team. He'd have been a wonderful addition to our squad in one of two weights, 165 or 175."

### On Lawther

Although many fans were not particularly wild about the type of basketball Coach John Lawther taught in his 13 years as State skipper, his fellow coaches recognized him as one of the greatest defensive tutors in basketball.

To begin to appreciate his basketball genius, one has only to lift the veil that has concealed some of the difficulties under which he worked.

Basketball has never been a "big time" sport at Penn State. Furthermore, the fact that one building, Rec Hall, is forced to shelter all the men's athletic endeavors has many times allowed varsity basketball team practice sessions that were picayunish compared with those of scheduled opponents.

Because the Nittany basketball player "receives" nothing but his meals during the season, Penn State cannot hope to compete—in caliber of personnel—with certain other schools that "provide for their boys" in some fashion. Yet Lawther sported an outstanding '41-'42 team that competed in the NCAA tourney.

Furthermore, he won 62 per cent of his games at State, using boys who were perhaps not the best available basketball players on campus but who surely possessed a quality called determination . . . this 62 per cent while playing perennially teams like Syracuse, West Virginia, Colgate, Georgetown and Temple.

Although not blessed with the best material, from the boys who reported each year Lawther was usually able to mold a respectable outfit. Lawther relished beating the best opponents more than he did just winning. Even with a losing team, he managed to surprise one or two top foes each year. This season it was Syracuse that felt the ax.

An even better example was last year's tiff with West Virginia. The Lawthermen finished the season with a mark of nine wins and ten losses, while West Virginia blasted 17 of 20 foes. Yet Lawther inflicted a 50-46 blow on the Mountaineers.

As the Williamsport Gazette described it: ". . . The game was played at State College, and

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